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PROCUREMENT SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ON

FOREIGN LANGUAGE PUBLICATIONS

REPORT OF THE ARMY MEMBER

1. During the past year, personnel limitations have precluded ACSI's undertaking any new, large-scale procurement programs. Except for the USSR and Poland, collection of publications from foreign countries has generally been effected pursuant to "Army Intelligence Collection Instructions" (SR 380-305-5), superseded by AR 381-25), SRI's, ICM's, and ICG's. In most instances, the initiative has rested with the field collectors, that is, the army attaches and the field commands. Nevertheless, a number of constructive steps have been taken unilaterally by ACSI to improve the quantity and/or quality of collection, especially as regards periodical literature. These steps include:

a. The accelerated implementation of the ICM 30 Soviet document exchange program and the addition of Finland to the list of countries with which Soviet documents may be exchanged.

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c. Reduction in expenditures for Soviet and Polish periodicals through selective placing of subscriptions, elimination of unnecessary procurement, and reduction in duplication of procurement, especially in the field of Soviet periodicals.

d. Revision of the publication procurement guidance in SR 380-305-5, including the establishment of procedures which will insure greater selectivity in periodical procurement in the future.

e. Formation of Foreign Reports Section, Collection Branch, Collection Division, ACSI, in order to provide centralized control of both procurement and exploitation of foreign publications. (Currently, the Section is being activated.)

f. Examination of foreign language publication procurement by army attaches behind the "Iron Curtain" in connection with a staff visit by the Army Member, PSC, to the USSR, Rumania, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, and Poland.

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2. Pending the activation of Foreign Reports Section, ACSI, the following actions are planned for fiscal year 1957:
 - a. ICM 30 will be completely revised and will be implemented more aggressively than has been possible in the past. It is hoped that its scope, currently limited to Soviet military publications, can be expanded to include non-military categories of publications.
 - b. ICM 23, "Procedure for procurement of Soviet Publications," will be completely revised, and additional ICM's will be prepared for the Eastern European Satellites and Communist China.
 - c. The possibility of establishing Eastern European Satellite and Chinese Communist publication exchange programs, similar to "Operation Virtue" and ICM 30, will be explored.
 - d. Closer coordination with other publication procurement agencies of the IAC will be effected, and increased procurement activities will be undertaken as field procurement facilities and activities are reassessed and redirected.

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